1993 (25-29th October, 93) to review status of preparation of the Agricultural Development Project (ADP) —Assam. It was tentatively decided in consultation with the State Government that the Agricultural Strategy Paper (ASP) would be finalised by December, 15, 93, Project proposed by February, 1994 and pre-appraisal of the project would be done in March-April, 1994.

(c) The entire process of ADP formulation gentrally takes about a year and a half and the World Bank aid under the project would be available only after the project has been finally appraised/ntgotiated.

Production of ground nuts and other oil seeds in Gujarat

2106. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production of groundnuts and other oil seeds during each of last three years in Saurashtra rtgion in Gujarat;

(b) whether production has been steadily declining;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for increasing the production of ground nuts and other oil seeds in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The production of groundnut and other oil seeds in six districts of Saurashtra region of Gujarat in three years ending 1991-92 was as follows:

Production in 000 Tons

	89-90	90-91	91-92
Groundnut	1488.2	749.8	457.20
Other oil Seeds	94.7	206.9	76.32
Total	1582.9	956.7	533.52

(b) and (c) There is declining trend in groundnut production in the region but in other oilseeds the production has been fluctuating. In Saurashtra region, the oil seeds are grown mostly under rainfed situation, therefore, the production depends on behaviour of rain fall.

(d) For increasing the production of oil seeds, a centrally sponsored oil seeds production programme (OPP) is under implementation in Gujarat including districts of Saurashtra region. OPP provides assistance on production and distribution of seeds, plant protection chemicals and equipments, sprinkler sets, conducting front line and general demonstrations on farmer's fields, gypsum and pyrites improved farm implements etc.

Presentation of locust menace control device by Australian overseas aid agency

2107. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some locust menace control device has been presented to India by as Australian Overseas Aid Agency;

(b) if so, details threof with its value in international market;

(c) whether some background lies behind this presentation;

(d) whether the use of the equipment will be made in consultation F.A.O.;

(c) if so, th reasons therefor; and

(f) what are functions of this device and advantage to be derived from this equipment?